

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** by Chairman Edith Clark, on January 10, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Edith Clark, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Dan Weinberg, Vice Chairman (D)  
Sen. John Cobb (R)  
Sen. Greg Lind (D)  
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Joey Jayne (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Peg Holwick, Committee Secretary  
Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Branch  
Pat Sullivan, Governor's Budget Office  
Robert V. Anderson, Governor's Budget Office

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: Chemical Dependency and Mental Health; Addictive and Mental Health Disorders

Executive Action: None.

00:02:04 Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a02\)](#)

**Chemical Dependency and Mental Health**

**Public Testimony:**

00:04:34 Mignon Waterman, on behalf of self

00:07:24 Mona Sumner, Chief Operations Officer, Rimrock  
Foundation

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a03\)](#)

00:13:49 Frank Lane, Executive Director of Eastern Montana  
Mental Health Center

00:19:44 Sen. Weinberg assumed the Chair.

00:22:12 Emery Jones, Executive Director, Western Montana  
Addiction Services

00:27:18 Mona Jamisson, Lobbyist, Shodair Hospital and Boyd  
Andrew Community Services

00:31:28 Don Hargrove, Montana Meth Project

00:39:55 Mike Ruppert, Chief Executive Officer, Boyd Andrew  
Community Services

00:44:45 Peg Shee, Executive Director, Montana Meth Project

00:52:59 Chris Christiaens, on behalf of self

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:58:01 Sen. Lind

01:02:18 Rep. Morgan

01:04:38 Sen. Lind

01:07:15 Sen. Weinberg

01:12:50 Rep. Morgan

01:21:14 Sen. Lind

01:23:29 Rep. Morgan

01:24:56 Sen. Lind

01:25:25 Sen. Weinberg

01:28:55 Break

01:45:00 Reconvene

01:45:00 Rep. Clark resumed the Chair.

**Addictive and Mental Health Disorders**

**Public Testimony:**

01:45:00 Patty Jacques, on behalf of self

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a06\)](#)

01:50:00 Anita Roessmann, Montana Advocacy Program

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a07\)](#)

01:54:00 Art Goldman, on behalf of self

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a09\)](#)

01:57:54 Gene Haire, on behalf of self

02:01:49 Arthur Coolie, Peer Support Specialist

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a10\)](#)

02:08:00 Bonnie Girdwood, Peer Support Specialist

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a11\)](#)

02:12:31 Jim Hollimon, on behalf of self

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a12\)](#)

02:13:00 Kirk Ferree, Peer Support Specialist

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a13\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a14\)](#)

02:19:35 Matthew Stewart, on behalf of self

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a15\)](#)

02:23:00 James Gustafson, Peer Support Specialist

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a16\)](#)

02:27:30 Mike McLaughlin, Peer Support Specialist

02:30:49 Dr. Gary Mihelish, on behalf of self

02:35:00 Kathy McGowan, four Montana community mental health  
centers

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a17\)](#)

02:46:00 J.C. Weingartner, Montana Education Association-Montana  
Federation of Teachers

02:49:00 Tracy Velasquez, Montana Mental Health Association

02:53:00 Maria Ballantyne, on behalf of self

02:57:00 Christopher John Bohr, on behalf of self

03:02:00 Joe Moll, Chairman, Great Falls Mental Health Advisory  
Council

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a18\)](#)

03:04:00 Mignon Waterman, on behalf of self

03:07:20 Dan Aune, Director, Gallatin Mental Health Center

03:09:35 Molly Prathorough, President, Montana Mental Health  
Association Board

03:12:50 Sheriff Cashell, Sheriff's Association

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a19\)](#)

03:16:00 Jim Smith, County Attorney's Association

[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a20\)](#)

03:21:00 Sheriff Mike McMeekin, Missoula County Sheriff  
03:22:00 Tom Paluso, Chairman, Central Service Area Authority  
**EXHIBIT (jhh06a21)**  
03:28:00 Kirk Chisolm, Rocky Mountain Development Council  
03:32:30 Sen. Lind, point of order  
03:35:00 Bonnie Adey, Ombudsman, Montana Health  
03:36:00 Shelly Johnson, on behalf of self  
03:36:35 Mike McLaughlin, Central Service Area Authority  
03:38:50 Donald Harr, Psychiatrist  
03:40:15 Charles Baker, Western Service Area Authority

**Questions from the Committee:**

03:42:40 Sen. Lind  
03:44:00 Rep. Clark  
03:48:00 Sen. Cobb  
03:50:00 Rep. Morgan  
03:51:00 John Chappuis, Deputy Director, DPHHS  
03:52:00 Sen. Weinberg  
03:55:00 Rep. Clark

**ADJOURNMENT**

04:00:00 Adjournment.

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REP. EDITH CLARK, Chairman

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PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**[EXHIBIT\(jhh06a22\)](#)**

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**[EXHIBIT\(jhh06aad.pdf\)](#)**